

FIFTEEN SPEAKERS TO URGE DIVERSIFICATION THURSDAY

Dothan Business Men Promote
Campaign to Spread Diversi-
fication Idea Throughout the
County.

Into every town and village of Houston county will come speakers Thursday to urge upon the farmers diversification in order that conditions may be improved and that King Cotton may have competition. Products other than cotton, necessary for the prosperity of the country will be urged upon the farmers. This will be a great day for Houston for never before has a campaign for diversification been launched upon such a large plan in this section.

Nat Baker is in Dothan today for the purpose of promoting the project, and has been in conference with leading business and professional men. He promises fifteen speakers who will make the whirlwind campaign in one day, spreading the gospel of a new order of farm life.

A temporary organization was perfected this morning and an executive committee composed of J. R. Young, John Sanders, A. Y. Malone, B. G. Farmer and W. E. Cannady was selected. They were in session this afternoon mapping out a schedule for the speakers.

The fifteen speakers will be met at the train by Dothan citizens who will take these men into the country where they will address the farmers. It is planned to cover the entire county in one day, each speaker making two or three addresses Thursday.

The trips into the small towns, school houses and country stores will be made by automobile, and it is hoped that the farmers will turn out in large numbers to hear these addresses as problems of great interest to planters will be expounded by speakers who have made a close study of their subject.

It is believed that this tour of the flying squadron, waging a campaign for the betterment of the farming interests, and in so doing touching upon politics, will serve a great purpose in spreading valuable information, and that it will serve to bring the farmer, merchant, banker and business men, into a closer and more co-operative relation to each other.

The Schedule.
Following are the dates of the speakers of the Crop Diversification Campaign. Tell your neighbors so that they will be on time, as they will have to make their schedules in time to cover the country thoroughly.

- Dothan, 10:30 a. m., 3:00 p. m. and night.
- Wicksburg at 1:00 p. m.
- Jellico at 1:00 p. m.
- Brannon Stand, at 3:00 p. m.
- Hathorn's Store, 1:00 p. m.
- Taylor, 1:00 p. m.
- Rehobeth Church, 3:00 p. m.
- Madrid, 1:00 p. m.
- Keyton's School House 3:30 p. m.
- A. Fowler's house, 3:30 p. m.
- Webb, 1:00 o'clock
- Cowarts at 3:30 p. m.
- Kimsey at 2:40 o'clock p. m.
- Ashford at 11:00 a. m.
- Granger, at 3:00 p. m.
- Crosby at 1:00 p. m.
- Crashy at 1:00 p. m.
- Gordon, at 1:00 p. m.
- Pansey at 3:30 p. m.
- Columbia at 1:30 p. m.
- Harper's School House at 2:30 p. m.

Vivian and Homer Floyd of Midland City were here yesterday.

Mr. E. Mary of New Orleans, was in Dothan yesterday.

BRIEF FILED IN FRANK'S BEHALF

Washington, Feb. 20. —Attorneys for L. M. Frank, sentenced to death for the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl, filed in the Supreme Court today a brief in Frank's appeal from the Georgia federal court's refusal to release him in a habeas corpus proceeding. The appeal will be argued next week.

Frank's attorneys contend in their briefs that the trial court lost jurisdiction by abdicating its functions from fear of mob violence and by arranging for Frank to remain out of court when the verdict was announced.

For the first time the attorneys declare, Frank does not contend he cannot be held for a new trial if the present death sentence is set aside.

Brief's Argument.
The brief declares Frank's counsel at the trial could not waive his right to be present when the verdict was rendered. It is argued that if he could be absent then it could be absent during the entire trial.

When the jurors returned in to the court room, the brief continues, "and found the prisoner absent with none to look after their faces but the excited multitude and when, after the first juror had been polled, the tumult of applause and the cheers that were followed were so resounding as to prevent the responses of the jurors as they were polled from being heard ten feet away, it is possible to believe that these jurors acted as free moral agents or that they were not subjected to a species of duress that except from their minds every thought save that of a personal jeopardy."

"A trial amid such concomitants is a mere travesty. It is not a legal proceeding."

Frank Not in Court.
Coming out of court Frank was unable to raise the question as to the denial of his rights under the federal constitution, the brief contends. Once he had been denied a right, unavailing efforts to obtain a new trial could not act to make the judgment legal it added.

The brief concludes:
In the present case, the Supreme Court of Georgia has jurisdiction over the applicant after his indictment and down to the later stages of his trial. The verdict and all subsequent proceedings being nullified, he is entitled to his discharge from the void sentence of death. He does not, however, contend that he cannot be held for further trial under his indictment.

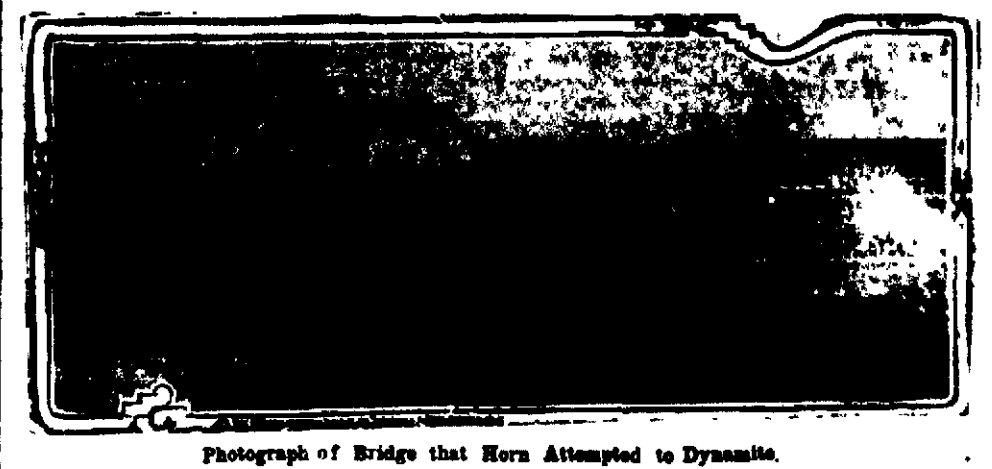
Atlanta Ga. Feb. 20. —A number of the charge that L. M. Frank's conviction was influenced by hostile demonstrations in the court room is made in the state's brief to Frank's appeal in habeas corpus proceedings which will be argued in the United States Supreme Court next week. The brief, which was made public here tonight, says:

"The Supreme Court of Georgia is second to no state in according trials free from hostile demonstrations and has gone as far as we venture to assert, as any state in the union in setting aside verdicts where the same were influenced by hostile demonstrations on the part of spectators."

Sixteen cases are cited in which new trials were granted on account of the public's attitude toward the prisoner.

The brief states that it frequently has been held in Georgia that where a disturbance

CANADA TO TRY TO EXTRADITE HORN



Photograph of Bridge that Horn Attempted to Dynamite.

BERLIN FIRST TO REPORT SINKING OF AMERICAN SHIP; BRYAN BUSY

Deputies Capture Speeding Automobile

Young, Tall, Muscular

Sheriff John A. May, and Deputy Isham, figured in a sensational race after an automobile, containing red eye biker Saturday night, and after covering several miles at a high rate of speed, the automobile was overtaken. John Reeves, Frank Bartlett and Carlos Hughes were arrested on charges of violating the prohibition laws, and allowed bond. It is said the officers recovered a quantity of liquor.

The deputies car was out South St. Andrews Street near the city limits when the other automobile passed along and the occupant recognized the officers, it is said. They put on more speed and in a race to beat both parties of the Sheriff's automobile which finally caught up with the other car.

FISHING BOAT FLYING ITALY'S FLAG FIRED ON

Bari, Italy, Feb. 21. —Members of the crew of the fishing boat Gessa, which arrived today from Antivari, Montenegro, and the coast and the fishing boat Saturno, flying Italian flags had been fired on by two Australian torpedo boats.

This report caused great excitement in Rome.

Crews Ordered to Land

Members of the crew and the Gessa was anchored near Antivari with the Saturno when the Australian torpedo boats approached. The captains of the fishing vessels ordered their crews to land and hoisted Italian flags.

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Berlin Feb. 21. —The American steamer Evelyn, which sailed from New York on January 29, with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, struck a mine off Horkum island, in the North Sea yesterday. The vessel sank. Her up to 1,000 tons of cotton was lost.

It has not been learned of what nationality was the mine which destroyed the Evelyn.

The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with disaster as a result of the sea warfare of the European nations. She did not sink within the war zone included in the German admiral's decree. Horkum island lies directly off the German coast, at the mouth of the Ems river, and is German territory.

Maritime records give the complement of the Evelyn at 25 men, so that it is probable all on board the vessel were rescued.

The Evelyn was a single screw steel steamship and was commanded by Capt. Smith. She belonged to Harris, Irby & Voss of New York and was taking a cargo of cotton to Bremen. She was 232 feet long and 1,185 tons net. She was built in Southampton, England in 1881. Her home port was Philadelphia.

The Evelyn was last reported as arriving at Rotterdam on February 17.

Bryans Instructs Ambassador

Washington, Feb. 21. —Secretary Bryan announced the receipt of a telegram tonight from the American consul at Bremen reporting the loss of the American steamer Evelyn. The cause was not stated. The crew was saved. American Consul Felt's telegram was given out by the State Department, which was as follows:

Steamer Evelyn, Captain Smith, agents Bull & Co., New York, blown up early Friday at Horkum. Crew saved. Ship and cargo lost.

Secretary Bryan repeated the American consul's telegram immediately to Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin with instructions to learn all possible facts concerning the occurrence and give every care to the crew if landed in their respective jurisdictions.

Owned by New Yorkers

New York, Feb. 21. —The steamer Evelyn, sunk in the North Sea yesterday by striking a mine, was owned by the firm of Harris, Irby & Voss, of this city, and was carrying a cotton cargo to the firm's agents in Bremen, William L. Harris of the firm stated tonight.

Mr. Harris estimated that the Evelyn had on board 5,500 bales of cotton, valued at \$350,000. The

Man Who Blew Up Bridge Wall Fight Action on Ground of Military Expediency

Boston, Mass., Feb. 21. —Two official moves, apparently entirely distinct, were announced today in the case of Werner Horn, who attempted to blow up the international bridge over the St. Croix River, near Vanceboro, Me., February 2, claiming he was an officer of the German army and that his act was a war measure.

The Federal district court will begin an investigation here this week to determine, it is understood, whether the law against transportation of dynamite was violated by Horn in his preparation for blowing up the bridge. The announcement was made in Portland, Me., that a representative of the Canadian government has filed an application in the Federal court there asking that a warrant be issued to bring Horn before that court at the expiration of the thirty day's sentence he is serving in jail at Vanceboro for injuring property in Vanceboro.

The destruction of railroad property by setting off an explosive is the basis of the extradition proceeding. Horn has announced that he will fight extradition on the ground that his act was one of military expediency.

WANTED "MEDICAL" TO TAKE OUT TONNEL

One of Dothan's well known specialists received the following letter from somebody who evidently believed he had more than his share of tonnel and wanted a "bottle of your medical" to take it out.

Bill Wood Ala 1915
Feb 18
Dear Sir please send me a bottle of your Medical to take out of me the short one that I got last night. I got a letter from you I will send you money just as soon as you can get it. My short worse me. My half I am in bad health and be Mindful yours truly

Express office,
Bill Wood Ala

Mr. Harris was insured with the government, he said.

Mr. Harris was disinclined to make a lengthy statement. "The information that our vessel was sunk by a mine was conveyed to me today," he said. "This is a risk that we take."

Asked if he would make a further statement, Mr. Harris replied: "A statement of that nature will come from Washington. I think."

He said he probably would communicate with the Washington authorities on the subject tomorrow.

BAD MAN "BIG BOY" CAUGHT

Deputies Mizon and Isham Have
Thrilling Experience in Raid-
ing Gang of Mill Hand Negroes
at Pansey.

In effecting the capture of Rob Whitfield negro, otherwise known as "Big Boy," one of the ring leaders of a bunch of mill hand laborers at Pansey, Deputies Travis Mizon and Isham had an experience Saturday night that they will not forget soon.

When the officers began operating among 75 or a 100 negroes, and Travis (Mizon) thinks there were even more, they possibly did not anticipate having a hard struggle before capturing "Big Boy" who swore to the officers by all the "cuss" words that he knew that he was not coming to Dothan and take up residence at the county jail. He liked his present headquarters very well, thank you, and was going to stay there.

"Big Boy" cursed the deputies in all the language that he has been able to pick up during his many years work as a mill hand, and endeavored to convince them that he was an exceptionally bad negro, and exceedingly wrath. However, his profanity and efforts to escape were all in vain.

One of the officers went into a house where possibly 100 negroes were congregated, having a big time and enjoying themselves generally, and somebody put the lights out. "Big Boy" made a break for freedom, but was captured outside. Then began a desperate struggle, but the negro was finally handcuffed and his legs were shackled. He was brought to the county jail "all dilled up and a-swinging," but no place else to go.

Two warrants have been issued for "Big Boy," charging public drunkenness and resisting officers, and the wonder is that the deputies did not shoot "Big Boy" or that the deputies did not get shot by some of the mob whom they had raided.

It is said that some of the officials in the Pansey community gave the officers no co-operation in making the raid.

Some of the officials of the large lumber mill at Pansey, where the negro worked, are in town today for the purpose of getting "Big Boy" out, if such can be done.

WHITE MAN IS LYNCHED BY MOB

Hot Springs, Mo., Feb. 21. —A white man, believed to be W. F. Williams, of Hot Springs, Ark., who last night took part in a pistol battle in which a policeman and an unidentified man were killed, was taken from jail here early today and lynched by a mob.

Early church goers discovered the body hanging from the fire bell tower above the city hall.

The victim who told the police that he was W. F. Williams of Hot Springs, Ark., was arrested last night after a pistol battle in which Charles Pointedexter, a policeman, and an unidentified man were killed.

Pointedexter and another policeman had been looking for two suspected of robbing a Kansas City Southern train near Richards, Mo., Friday night, when they engaged Williams and the unidentified man, who was killed in the battle.

CHURCH NEAR ASH

Destruction of Baptist Church
Near Ashford, one of the
strongest churches in the
county was destroyed by fire
last night. It is believed the
building was set on fire by an incendiary.

Deputies from Sheriff May's
see went to the scene and made
an investigation, but no clue
has been found that will
justify the arrest of any one
in connection with the destruction
of the edifice.

The meeting of the Oklahoma
Baptist Association was to have
been held at the Hot Springs
church this Fall, but the burning
of the building will probably
complicate a change in the plan.
The church, however, may be
rebuilt soon as possible.

Farmer Recalled When Raiding Snake House

While he was in the field plowing, John S. Rigler, of Coffee county, heard some one at his house and it turned out to be two officers, searching the snake house. They found an old distilling outfit, it is said, as well as some pretty strong cane juice.

From reports of the officers, Rigler did not think much of the officers bothering his snake house, and came to his residence and made some effort to get a gun. He was taken in charge by Deputy Robbin and brought to Dothan where he was placed in jail. Afterwards he was allowed to bond when assigned before the State Grand Jury on a charge of illicit distilling.

Will R. Grimes, also of Coffee county, was given a preliminary hearing before the Grand Jury on a similar charge, and placed in jail on \$200 bond.

"I had a decided fall last night,"
"Tell me of it, Rigler."
"My wife was talking; I hung on every word, and then, and then."
"Yes, yes, and then?"
"Her voice broke!"—Harvard Lampoon.

PALACE STEAM HEATER

Three episodes in two acts
Thompson's master production

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